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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

SW/S Academy Avenue, 75' N of its

intersection w/Dolfield Blvd. * DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

(811 Academy Avenue)
4th Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
3rd Councilmanic District

* Case No. 97-114-A

Michael A. Sotir Petitioner

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Michael A. Sotir, property owner, and Joseph W. McGraw, Professional Engineer, who prepared the site plan for this project. Appearing as a Protestant in the matter was John Amole, adjoining property owner.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is part of a larger tract located on the southwest corner of Academy Avenue and Dolfield Boulevard, which is proposed to be subdivided into two lots, pursuant to a minor subdivision request previously filed by the Petitioner. The overall tract is approximately 75 feet wide by 400 feet deep, and consists of a gross area of 0.7006 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 3.5. The property is presently unimproved, however, the Petitioner is proceeding

through the minor subdivision process to create two lots which he proposes to develop with single family dwellings. The house on the front portion of the property will front on Academy Avenue, while the house to the rear of this tract will front on Dolfield Boulevard. Due to the narrow width of this lot, however, a variance is needed in order to develop the rear lot of the property as proposed.

Appearing in opposition to the Petitioner's request was John Amole, owner of the adjoining property at 809 Academy Avenue. Mr. Amole testified that he has resided on his property for the past 8 years. He is opposed to the subdivision of the subject property and while he does not object to a house being built on the front portion of the lot facing Academy Avenue, he does not want to see a second house built on the rear of this property.

Further testimony revealed, and the minor subdivision process will demonstrate, that the subject property contains sufficient acreage in order to be subdivided into two lots. The property contains 0.7006 acres and is zoned D.R. 3.5, which permits 3.5 dwelling units per acre. Given its size and zoning classification, it is clear that the subject property can be subdivided into two building lots. However, due to the narrow configuration of the property and the fact that the proposed dwelling on the second lot will be oriented to face Dolfield Boulevard, the requested relief is necessary. All other area setback requirements will be met by the proposed development.

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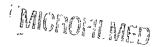
- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.



THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 22 day of October, 1996 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1B02.3.C of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front yard depth of 17.5 feet in lieu of the minimum required 30 feet for a proposed dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCC

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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Variance: to allow a front yard depth of 17.5 feet in feu of the required 30 feet.

Hearing: Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

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Zoning Commissioner for
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Baltimore County
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

October 22, 1996

Mr. Michael A. Sotir 709 Clivedon Road Baltimore, Maryland 21208

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

SW/S Academy Avenue, 75' N of its intersection w/Dolfield Boulevard

(811 Academy Avenue)

4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Michael A. Sotir - Petitioner

Case No. 97-114-A

Dear Mr. Sotir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours, leaf to lot row

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Joseph W. McGraw, Jr., JST Engineering Co., Inc. 3812 Mary Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21206

People's Counsel

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ORDER RECEIVED FØR FILING

Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

#811 Academy Avenue
which is presently zoned

D.R. 3.5

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1302.3c (Cuant) To Account

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

Property is proposed to be subdivided thru minor subdivision process and front yard variance is needed to accommodate a house on the rear lot.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
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Beginning at a point on the north side of Dolfield Boulevard which is variable in width at the distance of 214.00 feet more or less west of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street, Academy Avenue, which is 60 feet wide. Being the westernmost one half of Lot #16, Block B, in the subdivision of PROPERTY OF C.D. MOSER, as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #7, Folio #155, containing 15,000 more or less square feet. Also known as #811A Academy Avenue and located in the 4TH Election District, 3RD Councilmanic District.



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Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
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Development Processing : County Office Building: 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

97-114-A

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

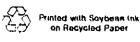
This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
For newspaper advertising:
Item No.: 1(3 Petitioner: Michael Sotier, c/o Blueprint Builder
Location: 811 Academy Avenue
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
NAME: Michael Sotifr, c/o Blueprint Builders
ADDRESS: 709 Clivedon Road
Baltimore, MD. 21208
PHONE NUMBER: (410) 486-6543





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Please foward billing to:

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CASE NUMBER: 97-114-A (Item 113)

811 Academy Avenue

N/S Dolfield Boulevard, 214' W of Academy Avenue

4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic

Legal Owner(s): Michael A. Sotir

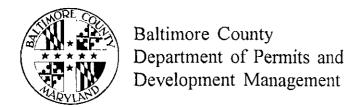
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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
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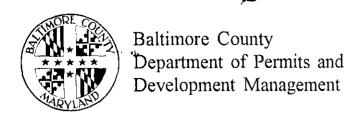
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Joseph W. McGraw, Jr.

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Development Processing
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

October 8, 1996

Mr. Michael A. Sotir 709 Clivedon Road Baltimore, MD 21208

RE: Item No.: 113

Case No.: 97-114-A

Petitioner: Michael A. Sotir

Dear Mr. Sotir:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on September 10, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)





BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM September 30, 1996 DATE: FROM: Arnold F. "Pat" Keller, III, Director, OP SUBJECT: 811 Academy Lane INFORMATION: Item Number: 113 Petitioner: Michael A. Sotin Property Size: Zoning: DR-3.5 Requested Action: Variance Hearing Date:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon a review of the information provided, it is clear that the petitioner will need to prove practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship to justify the granting of the subject variance.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

AFK: JL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: October 1, 1996

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Chief

Development Plans Review Division

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for September 30, 1996

Item No. 113

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. Dolfield Boulevard is an existing road which shall ultimately be improved as a 40-foot street cross section on a 60-foot right-of-way. The South edge of the existing paving will be the base line for establishing the paving width of 40-feet on the 60-foot right-of-way.

An additional 10-foot wide revertible slope easement will be required along the frontage of Lot 16-A and 16-B to support the road improvements.

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Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

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Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 10/02/96

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF SEPT. 23, 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

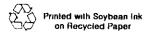
8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117 AND 118.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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David L. Winstead Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Ms. Roslyn Eubanks Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

9-24-96
RE: Baltimore County Item No. 113 (TRA)

Dear Ms. Eubanks:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Smail at 410-545-5581 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours, Bob Small

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

PDM

DATE

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FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

Permits and Development Review

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SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Scn 23, 96

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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Executive Office 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-2450 Fax: (410) 887-5781

C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III Baltimore County Executive



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The 1996 United Way of Central Maryland charity campaign for Baltimore County Government is now in full swing. Please help United Way continue to aid family, friends, and neighbors by generously contributing to this year's gift giving.

One out of three people is touched by a United Way service each year--600,000 individuals whose lives are better because we care enough to give.

Far too many of our fellow citizens find it difficult to provide for the basics of life--food, clothing, shelter, and health care. Over 10,000 children in our County live below the poverty line. Homeless shelters serve nearly 3,000 and turned away over 1,000 more. Mearly twenty percent of our residents are over the age of sixty, with many lacking the necessary support and services to aid them. With limited resources, County Government cannot help all of those in need. Fortunately, we can count on over 300 United Way human care services to help improve the quality of life in our County.

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We are extremely proud of Baltimore County employees' tradition of generously supporting the United Way. We are once again asking you to help the less fortunate by contributing to this year's

On behalf of the recipients of your contributions, thank you.

George G. Perdikakis

Chairman, 1996 United Way Campaign

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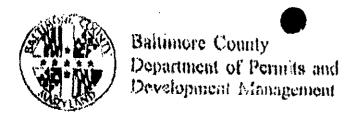
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Peter Max ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 887-2188

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Towson, Maryland 21204

APRIL 151 1996

CHANGES

Mre. Christine Moser 129 Fox Run Road Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331

97-114-A

Re: Dolfield Boulevard

Dear Mrs. Moser:

This letter serves as written confirmation that the lot you own at 327 Academy Avenue is no longer impacted by the extension of Dolfield Boulevard. The extension of Dolfield Boulevard, east of Reisterstown Road, has been dropped as a Master Plan capital improvement project. Therefore, Baltimore County has no further need to purchase any portion of your property for Dolfield Road,

1 hope this letter enswers your questions. If not, please contact me at (410) 887-3259.

Sincerely.

Bric Rockel, Superkisor

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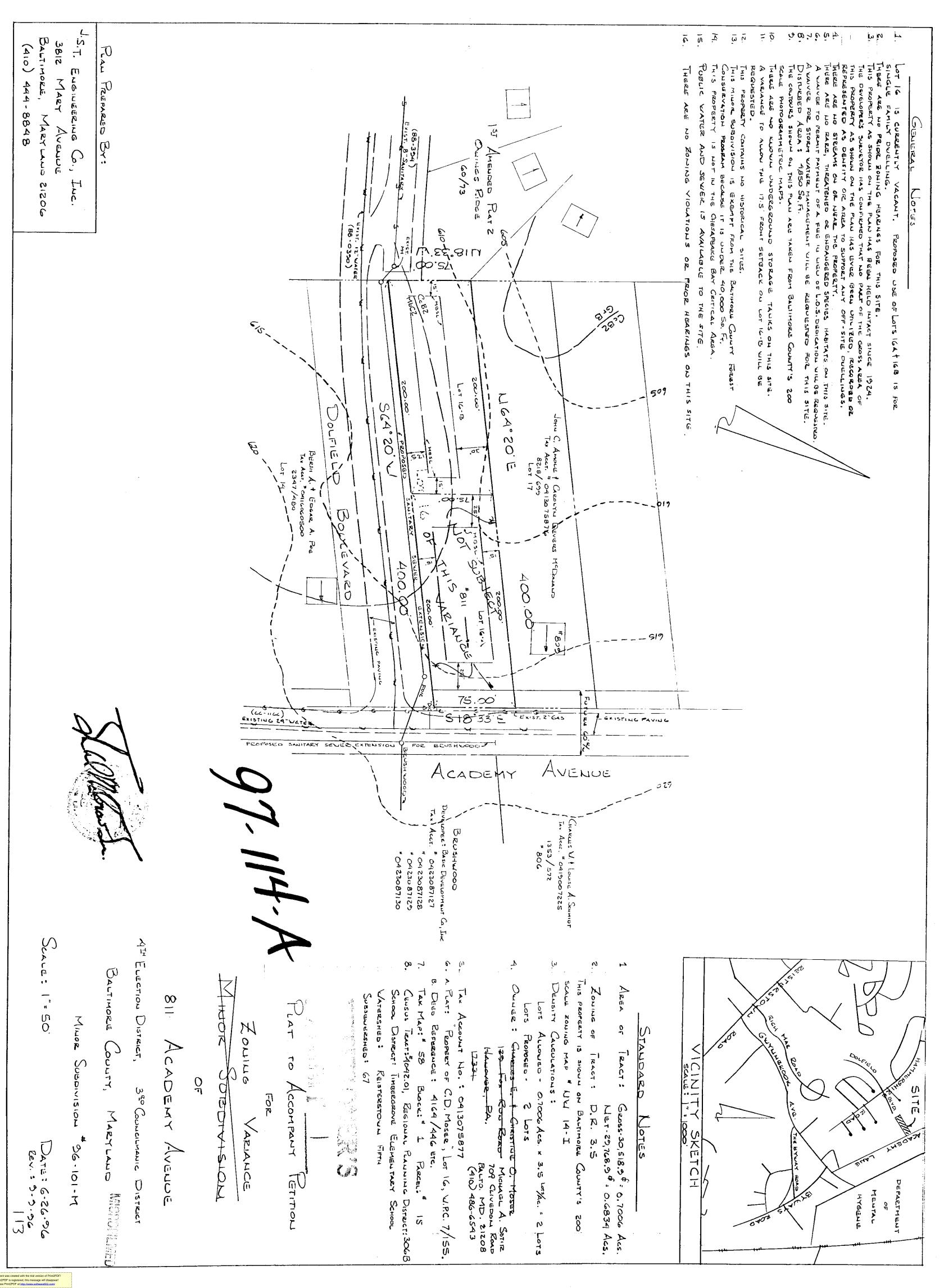
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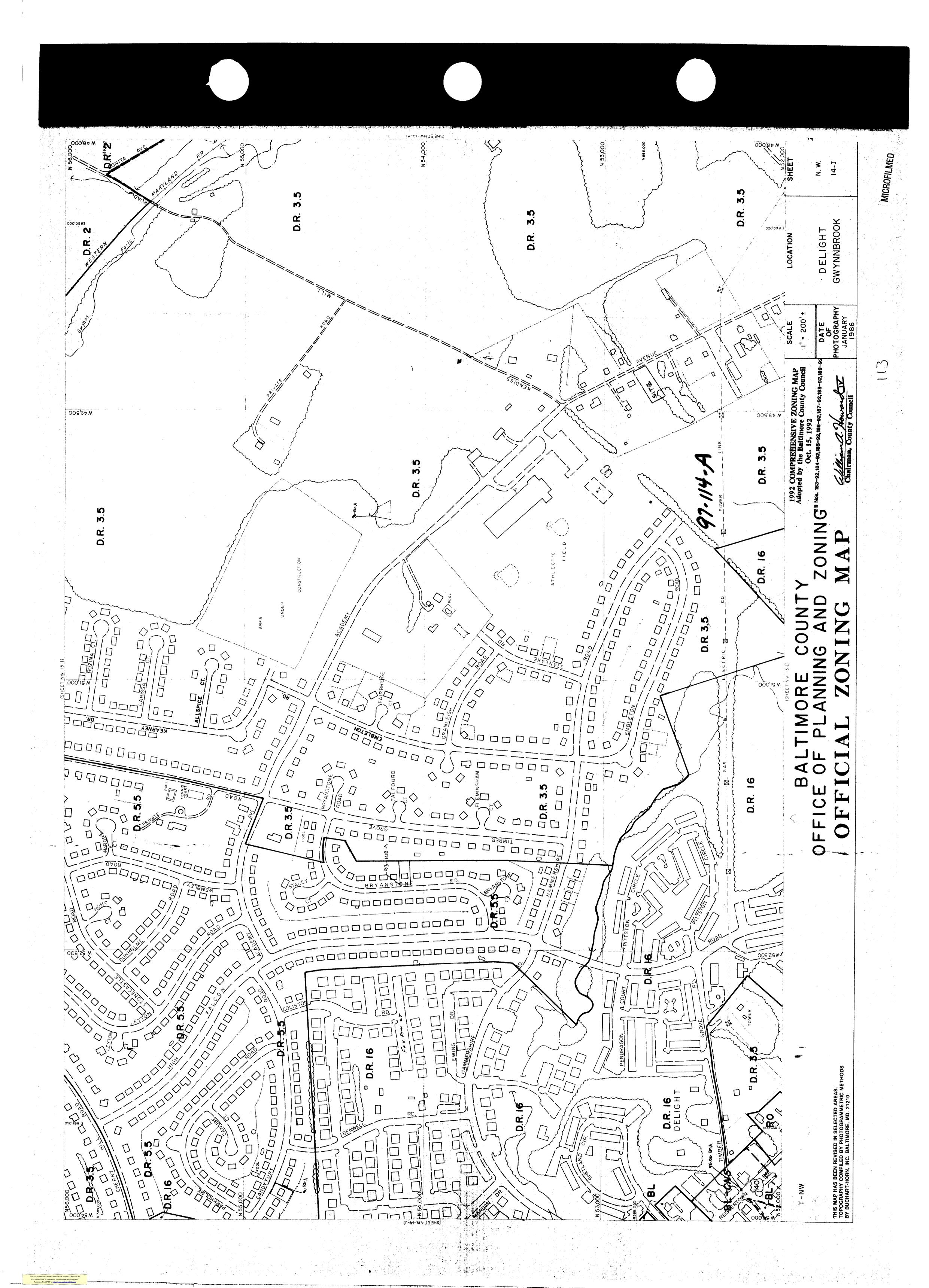
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I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to

be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

for the property located at

#811 Academy Avenue
which is presently zoned
D.R. 3.5

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1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

the following restriction:

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZCNING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for

Baltimore County this 20 day of October, 1996 that the Petition for

Variance seeking relief from Section 1802.3.C of the Baltimore County

Zoring Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front yard depth of 17.5 feet in

lieu of the minimum required 30 feet for a proposed dwelling, in accor-

dance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building

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Deputy Zoning Commissioner

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

for Baltimore County

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NOTICE OF HEARING The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority tions of Baltimore County w property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Of fice Building, 111 W. Ches: peake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 or Room 116, Oki Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Case: #97-114-A (item 113) 811 Academy Avenue 214' W of Academy Avenu 4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Michael A. Sotir Variance: to allow a front yard depth of 17.5 feet in fieu of the required 30 feet.

Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Call 887-3353.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing. Please Call 887-3391.

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of _____ successive

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

Beginning at a point on the north side of Dolfield Boulevard which is variable in width at the distance of 413.00 feet more or less west of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street, Academy Avenue, which is 60 feet wide. Being Lot #16, Block B, in the subdivision of PROPERTY OF C.D. MOSER, as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #7, Folio 155, containing 30,518.9 more or less square feet. Also known as #811 Academy Avenue and located in the 4TH Election District, 3RD Councilmanic

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR #811 ACADEMY AVENUE. 97-114-A

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR #811A ACADEMY AVENUE 97-144-A Beginning at a point on the north side of Dolfield Boulevard which is variable in width at the distance of 214.00 feet more or street, Academy Avenue, which is 60 feet wide. Being the

less west of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting westernmost one half of Lot #16, Block B, in the subdivision of PROPERTY OF C.D. MOSER, as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #7, Folio #155, containing 15,000 more or less square feet. Also known as #811A Academy Avenue and located in the 4TH Election District, 3RD Councilmanic District.

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

Mr. Michael A. Sotir 709 Clivedon Road Baltimore, Maryland 21208

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/S Academy Avenue, 75' N of its intersection w/Dolfield Boulevard (811 Academy Avenue) 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Michael A. Sotir - Petitioner

Case No. 97-114-A Dear Mr. Sotir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County cc: Mr. Joseph W. McGraw, Jr., JST Engineering Co., Inc. 3812 Mary Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21206

People's Counsel

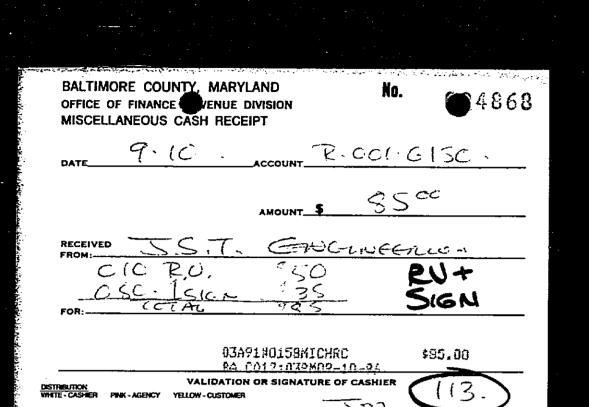
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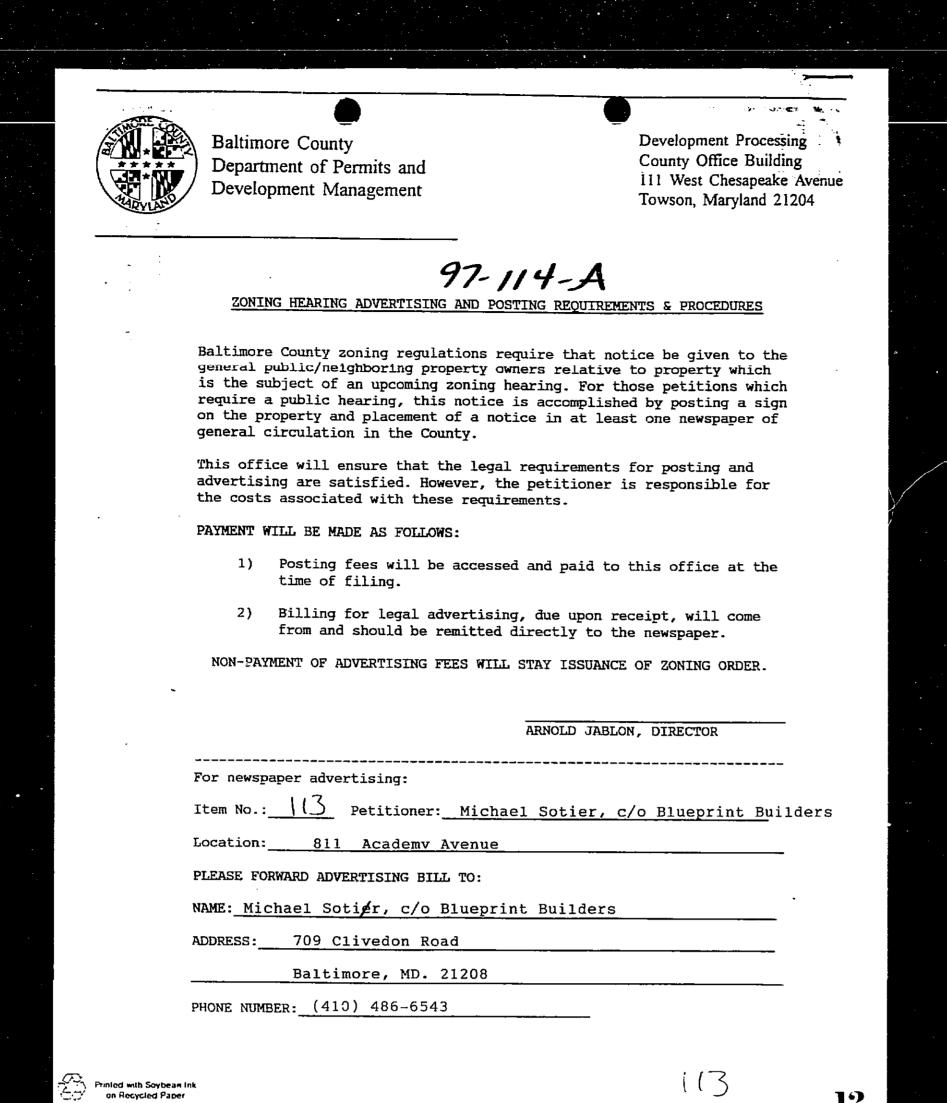
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September 26, 1996 Issue - Jeffersonian Please foward billing to: c/o Blueprint Buildders 709 Clivedon Road Baltimore, MD 21208 NOTICE OF HEARING The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows: CASE NUMBER: 97-114-A (Item 113) 811 Academy Avenue N/S Dolfield Boulevard, 214' W of Academy Avenue 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Michael A. Sotir Variance to allow a front yard depth of 17.5 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet. HEARING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse. LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Arnold Jablon, Director

Robert W. Bowling, Chief

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for September 30, 1996

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Item No. 113

Department of Permits & Development

Development Plans Review Division

the paving width of 40-feet on the 60-foot right-of-way.

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject

An additional 10-foot wide revertible slope easement will be

zoning item. Dolfield Boulevard is an existing road which shall ultimately

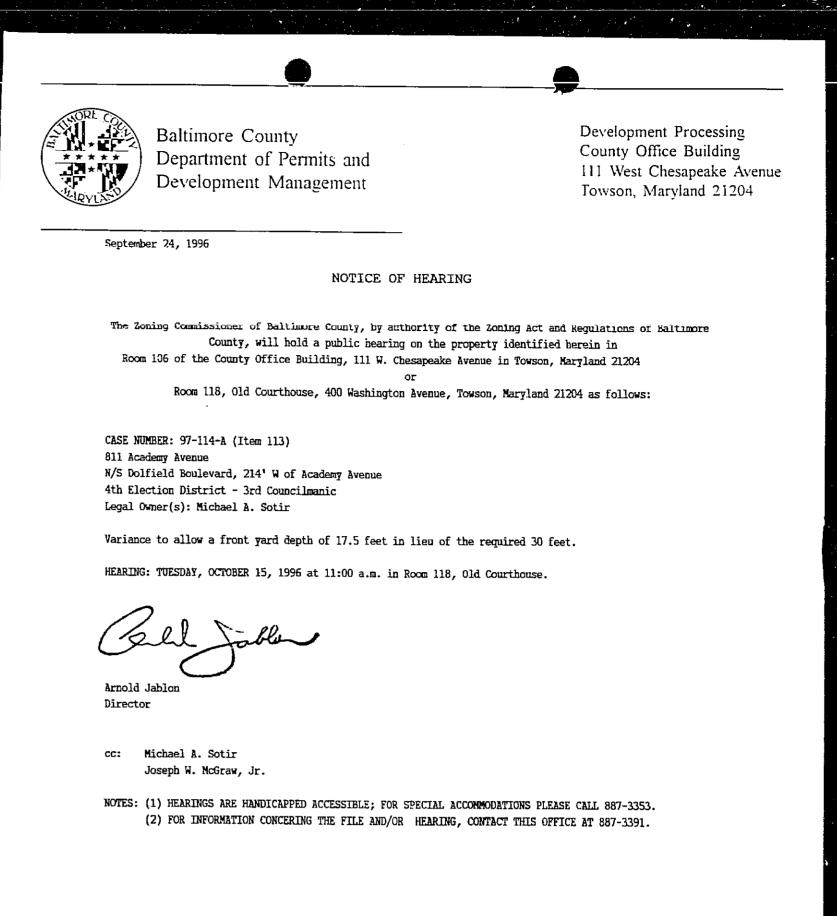
be improved as a 40-foot street cross section on a 50-foot right-of-way.

The South edge of the existing paving will be the base line for establishing

required along the frontage of Lot 16-A and 16-B to support the road

Date: October 1, 1996

TO: PUTUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY



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Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

October 8, 1996

Mr. Michael A. Sotir 709 Clivedon Road Baltimore, MD 21208

RE: Item No.: 113

Case No.: 97-114-A

Petitioner: Michael A. Sotir

Dear Mr. Sotir:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on September 10, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr.
Zoning Supervisor

WCR/re
Attachment(s)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPUNDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM DATE: September 30, 1996

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM DATE: Septe
FROM: Arnold F. "Pat" Keller, III, Director, OP

SUBJECT: 811 Academy Lane

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 113

Petitioner: Michael A. Sotin

Property Size:

Zoning: DR-3.5

Requested Action: Variance

Hearing Date: /

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon a review of the information provided, it is clear that the petitioner will need to prove practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship to justify the granting of the subject variance.

Prepared by: Johns W. Jong
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improvements.

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Baltimore County Government
Fire Department

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DATE: 10/02/96

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF SEPT. 23, 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.
IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 110. 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117 AND 118.

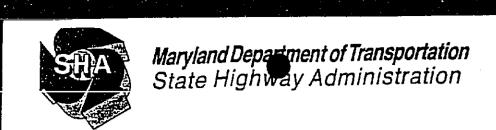
REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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9-24-96

Ms. Roslyn Eubanks Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County Item No. //3 (TRA)

Dear Ms. Eubanks:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Smail at 410-545-5581 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is ______ Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

214' W of Academy Avenue

Michael A. Sotir

final Order.

representative for Petitioners.

Petitioners

811 Academy Avenue, N/S Dolfield Blvd,

4th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-

captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other

proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Joseph W. McGraw,

Jr., JST Engineering Co., Inc., 3812 Mary Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206,

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15 day of October, 1996, a copy

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

R. Bruce Seeley Permits and Development Review DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: 50,23,96

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s: //Ó

BRUCE2/DEPRM/TXTSBP

Development Processing County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

CHAMLES Mrs. Christine Moser 129 Fox Run Road Hanover, Pennsylvania :7331

Dear Brs. Hoser:

Reisterstown Road, has been dropped as a Master Plan capital improvement project. Therefore, Baltimore County has no further need to purchase any portion of your property for Dolfield Road.

APPROVED, Robert C. Berner, P.E.

Department of Permits and Development Management

III West Chesnpeake Avenue

97-114-A Re: Dolfield Boulevard

This letter serves as written confirmation that the lot you own at 327 Academy Avenue is no longer impacted by the extension of Dolfield Boulevard. The extension of Dolfield Boulevard, east of

1 hope this letter enswers your questions. If not, please contact no at (410) 887-3259.

Bric Rockel, Supervisor Contact, Negotiations and Records Burney of Land Acquisition

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 97-114-A

